

In particular, independent claims 1, 18, 31, and 45 require that the selected area code be recalled in response to the entry of the local phone number. In contrast, the device of DiMarco only recalls the selected area code in response to the depression of an area code selector button 106, after which the local phone number is then dialed. See col. 6, lines 25-33. Thus, DiMarco does not recall the area code in response to entry of the local phone number. The device of Yim recalls the selected area code in response to an off-hook signal. (col. 4, lines 52-65). The Yim device does not recall the area code in response to the entry of a local phone number.

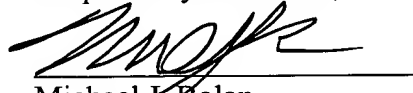
As such, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdrawal the rejections of claims 1-48 based on DiMarco and Yim.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (714) 830-0600 or (949) 725-0089.

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